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Poor Law and Medical Charities (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill.



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Amend the Laws in force for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland, and to amend an Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty providing for the better Distribution, Support, and Management of Medical Charities in Ireland.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Laws in force for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland, and to amend an Act passed in the Session holden in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight, providing for the better Distribution, Support, and Management of Medical Charities in Ireland: Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Preamble.
14 & 15 Viet.
c. 68.

- 10 I. So much of the said Acts providing for the Execution of the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland as vests in the Commissioners and their Successors all Lands and Buildings purchased or hired and conveyed to and taken by the Commissioners under the Provisions of the said Acts shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and

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and henceforth all Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and Real and Personal Property, heretofore vested in the Commissioners for Purposes connected with the Administration of Relief in any Union, shall vest in the Guardians of the Poor of the said Union without any Conveyance or Transfer thereof other than by the Operation 5 of this Act, and the said Guardians shall for this Purpose, as well as for other Purposes set forth in the said Acts, be deemed a Body Corporate, and shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal; and all Contracts and Engagements entered into in the Name of the said Commissioners in relation to Land and Buildings occu- 10-
 pied as Workhouses in any Union shall have the same Force and Effect as if the same had been entered into in the Name of the Guardians of the said Union: Provided, that all Suits commenced in the Name of the Commissioners at the Time of the passing of this Act may be continued and carried on in their Name as if this Act 15
 had not been passed; provided also, that the said Guardians shall not alter or remove any Part of the said Buildings, nor sell, let, alienate, or in any way demise any Part of the said Property without Consent of the said Commissioners under their Seal first had and obtained. 20

Relief to
 Orphans and
 deserted
 Children.

II. And whereas it has been found that the Mortality among Infant Children admitted into Workhouses without their Mothers is very large, and that in other respects the Workhouses are not well suited in all Cases for the Care and Nurture of such Children during Infancy, and it is therefore expedient to extend the Powers of Boards of Guardians for the Relief of destitute poor Children who are Orphans, or who have been deserted by their Parents: Be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Board of Guardians to provide for the Relief of any Orphan or deserted Child out of the Workhouse, by placing such Child out at Nurse; and no deserted Child whose 30
 Parent or Parents, as the Case may be, shall be unknown, and no orphan Child, shall be admitted into any Workhouse until it shall be or shall appear to be of the Age of Six Years, and no such Child shall continue to be relieved out of the Workhouse after it shall be or appear to be of the Age of Ten Years; and in every such Case it shall 35
 be lawful for the Board of Guardians, and they are hereby required, to allow a reasonable and sufficient Sum for the Maintenance of such Child to the Person or Persons who shall have accepted the Care of the Child until the Child shall have attained such Age not exceeding Ten Years as to such Board of Guardians shall seem fit, 40
 or until the Parent or Parents of such Child shall become known to the Guardians.

Deserted
 Children,
 when found,

III. Where any Child shall be left exposed or deserted as aforesaid in any Union, such Child shall, when found, be brought to the nearest

nearest Constabulary or Police Station, and there placed under the Care of the Head Constable or other Constable in charge of such Station, and such Constable shall, without Delay, convey such Child to the Relieving Officer of the Union in which the same shall be found; and such Relieving Officer shall thereupon place such Child in the Care of some proper Person as Nurse; and at the next Meeting of the Board of Guardians the Person who shall have found such Child, and the Constable who shall have conveyed such Child to the Relieving Officer, and the Person in whose Care the Child shall have been so placed as Nurse, shall appear before such Board of Guardians, and it shall be lawful for such Board of Guardians, and they are hereby required, after due Inquiry, to allow a reasonable and sufficient Sum for the Maintenance of such Child, in the Manner and subject to the Conditions herein-before mentioned, and also to allow to such Constable such Sum of Money (if any) as shall have been expended by him for the Conveyance of such Child to such Relieving Officer.

to be brought to nearest Constabulary or Police Station.

IV. It shall be lawful for the Board of Guardians, in providing for the Relief or Maintenance of any deserted Child as aforesaid, to require the Person who found the Child, and the Person presenting such Child for Relief or applying for an Allowance to maintain the Child, to make and subscribe a Declaration under the Act passed in the Session held in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, stating all which he or she may know regarding the Parentage of such Child, and the Residence of the Father or the Mother of such Child, and concerning the Desertion and finding of the Child, and each such Person shall, on being so required, make and subscribe such Declaration accordingly.

Declaration to be made by Person presenting deserted Child for Relief.

V. And whereas Doubts have existed as to the Liability of unoccupied Buildings to be rated in the Rates for the Relief of the Poor, and it is expedient to remove such Doubts: Be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Guardians shall in making every Rate for the Relief of the Destitute Poor specify on the Face thereof the Period for the Service of which the Rate is estimated to provide, and that when any Building liable to Assessment under the Provisions of the Acts for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland is unoccupied at the Time of making any such Rate on the Electoral Division in which such Building shall be situate, the Board of Guardians shall in every such Case include such Building in the said Rate, describing it in the Column appropriated to the Name of the Occupier or immediate Lessor, as the Case may be, as "Empty," and such Building shall be deemed to be rated to the Relief of the Poor as fully and effectually as if it had been occupied at the Time of the Rate made and the Name of the Occupier or immediate

Rating unoccupied Buildings.

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Lessor inserted in the said Rate: Provided always, that if such Building shall continue to be unoccupied during the whole of the Period for which the Rate was estimated as aforesaid, the Rate so made on the said Building shall not be recoverable: Provided also, that if after the making of the said Rate, and before the 5 Expiration of the Period for which the Rate was so estimated as aforesaid, any Person shall occupy such Building for any Portion of such Period, the Board of Guardians shall be entitled to recover from the Occupier or the immediate Lessor, if he be liable to pay the same, a Portion only of the said Rate proportioned to the Time during 10 which the said Building shall have been so occupied; and the same shall be recovered from the Occupier or immediate Lessor, as the Case may be, in the same Manner as if he had been originally rated for such Building.

1 & 2 Viet.
c. 56. s. 73.
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Collectors
not to be
entitled to
collect Poor
Rates in
preference
to other
Persons.

VI. From and after the *passing of this Act* so much of the Act 15 passed in the First and Second Years of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland," as provides that every Rate made on each Electoral Division shall and may, if any Collector for the Time authorized to collect the County Cess on any Part of such Electoral Division shall be approved 20 of by the Commissioners, and shall give Security to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners, and shall accept such Salary or Allowance as shall be approved by the Commissioners for his Trouble in that Behalf, he levied by such Collector, who shall, so far as relates to the Collection of such Rate, be deemed a paid Officer of the Union within 25 which such Electoral Division shall be situate, shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and from and after the *passing of this Act* it shall and may be lawful for the Guardians of any Union, subject to the Approval of the Commissioners, to appoint from Time to Time such and so many Persons as they may deem expedient to collect and 30 levy the Rates so made on the several Electoral Divisions.

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give full
Description
of the Prop-
erty in
respect of
which they
claim to vote
and of their
Interest
therein.

VII. No Ratepayer shall be entitled to vote in the Election of Guardians, either in Person or by Proxy, in respect of any Property not in his actual Occupation, or to give any Vote in addition to the Vote or Votes to which he would be entitled as an Occupier paying Rent 35 equal to the net annual Value of the Property in his actual Occupation, unless he or his Proxy shall, *One Month* at the least previous to the Day on which he shall claim to vote, have given to the Guardians, or to some Person acting as Returning Officer, a Statement in Writing of the Name and Address of such Ratepayer and the Description and 40 local Situation of the Property in respect of which he claims to vote, specifying in Cities, Towns, and their Suburbs having Streets and other Roadways the Name of the Street or Roadway and the Number of the House or Tenement, if any, and the Parish in which the

the Property is situate, and in other Places the Barony, Parish, and Townland, so that the Property may be ascertained and identified with reasonable Certainty, together with the Nature of the Interest of the Ratepayer therein, and its net annual Value over and above
 5 all Rents payable by him and the Amount of Rent payable to him, and the Names of the Tenants or Occupiers by whom Poor Rates have been deducted from such Rent, and no such Proxy shall be entitled to claim to vote unless such Proxy shall have given to the Guardians or some Person acting as Returning Officer, *One Month*
 10 at the least previous to the Day on which he shall claim to vote, the original or an attested Copy of the Writing appointing such Proxy.

VIII. No Claim of a Ratepayer to vote in the Election of Guardians, either in Person or by Proxy, in respect of any Property not in his
 15 actual Occupation, or to give a Vote or Votes in addition to the Vote or Votes to which he would be entitled as an Occupier paying Rent equal to the net annual Value of the Property in his Occupation, shall continue in force beyond the Period of *Five Years* from the Date on which he or his Proxy shall have given such Statement as
 20 aforesaid: Provided, that every Appointment of a Proxy may be revoked at any Time; provided also, that no Person shall be entitled to vote as Proxy for more than *Ten Owners* of Property in any One Electoral Division or Ward unless he be a Steward, Bailiff, Land Agent, or Collector of Rents for the Owners of Property for whom
 25 he may be appointed to vote.

Limitation
of Property
and Proxy
Claims.

IX. And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether Owners or immediate Lessors of Property who are rated under the Provisions of the Act of the Sixth and Seventh Years of Her Majesty, Chapter
 30 Ninety-two, Sections One and Four, and of the Act of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety-one, Section Sixty-three, are entitled to vote as Ratepayers in respect of Property for which they are so rated: Be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Owners or immediate Lessors who are so rated as aforesaid to vote in the Election of Guardians in respect of the Property in respect of
 35 which they are so rated in the same Manner as they would be entitled to do if the Occupiers were rated: Provided, that every such Owner or immediate Lessor or his Proxy shall have lodged a Statement in the Manner herein-before provided with reference to Persons claiming to vote in respect of Property not in their actual Occupation; provided
 40 also, that no such Owner or immediate Lessor shall be entitled to a greater Number of Votes in respect of the Property for which he is rated under the Provisions aforesaid than he would be entitled to as an Occupier paying Rent equal to the Valuation of the same Property.

Owners or
immediate
Lessors rated
under
6 & 7 Vict.
c. 92. ss. 1.
and 4., and
12 & 13 Vict.
c. 91. s. 63.
may vote as
if the Occu-
piers were
rated.

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No Person
to vote for
a greater
Amount of
Rent than
the rateable
Value of the
Property.

X. No Person receiving Rent shall be entitled to vote as aforesaid in respect thereof for any greater Amount of Rent than the actual Value of the Property out of which such Claim arises, according to the Valuation of the same in the Survey or Valuation of rateable Hereditaments for the Time being in force in the Union.

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Poor Law
Inspectors
authorized to
act under
Medical
Charities
Act,
10 & 11 Vict.
c. 90, s. 5,
14 & 15 Vict.
c. 68, s. 3.

XI. And whereas by an Act passed in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety, the said Commissioners are empowered from Time to Time, subject to the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant, to appoint so many fit Persons as shall be allowed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to be Inspectors to assist in the Execution of the Acts for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland, and by another act passed in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight the said Commissioners are empowered from Time to Time to appoint so many fit Persons as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall sanction, having the Qualification therein described, to be Inspectors to assist in carrying out the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act: Be it enacted, That every Inspector appointed or hereafter to be appointed under the Provisions of the said Act of the Tenth and Eleventh Years of Her Majesty, to assist in the Execution of the Acts for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland, shall be deemed to be an Inspector under the Provisions of the said Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, and shall be empowered to assist in carrying out the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act as fully and effectually as if he had been appointed under such Act, notwithstanding that he may not possess the Medical Qualification required by such Act, and in like Manner every Inspector appointed or to be hereafter appointed under the Provisions of the said Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, shall be deemed to be an Inspector under the Provisions of the said Act of the Tenth and Eleventh Years of Her Majesty, and shall be empowered to assist in carrying out the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act, as fully and effectually as if he had been appointed under that Act: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners in any Case in which they shall direct Inquiry to be made into any Matter connected with the Administration of the Laws for the Relief of the Poor, or connected with the Execution of the said Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, to associate together for the Purpose of such Inquiry, if they shall see fit to do so, an Inspector appointed under the said Act of the Tenth and Eleventh Years of Her Majesty, and an Inspector appointed under the said Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, and such Inspectors shall in such Case make a joint Inquiry concerning the Matters in question.

XII. And

XII. And whereas under the Provisions of the Ninth Section of the said Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty every Member of any Dispensary Committee, and every Relieving Officer and Warden acting for an Electoral Division included in a Dispensary District, is authorized to afford Medical Relief by the Issue of a Ticket for Medicine and Advice, or a Ticket in such Form as the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland shall prescribe, addressed to the Medical Officer of the District, directing him to afford Medicine and Advice, or to attend on any poor Person resident therein, and such Medical Officer is required by the said Act to afford such Medicine or Advice, or to attend such Person, until the Ticket be cancelled at a subsequent Meeting of the Dispensary Committee; and it is expedient to amend the same: Be it enacted, That if it shall be made to appear to the Satisfaction of the Person by whom any such Ticket shall have been given that the Person on whose Behalf such Ticket shall have been given is not a proper Object for Dispensary Relief, it shall be lawful for the Person by whom such Ticket shall have been so given as aforesaid to declare in Writing such Ticket to be cancelled, and thenceforth the Holder thereof shall be disentitled to further Relief under such Ticket: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be held to discharge the Medical Officer of the Dispensary District from duly and punctually attending upon such Person in the Manner required by the said Act until such Ticket shall have been actually cancelled or declared to be cancelled.

XIII. On the cancelling of any such Ticket as aforesaid, either on the Declaration of the Dispensary Committee as provided by the said last-mentioned Act or of the Person by whom such Ticket shall have been given, and in case it shall appear to the Dispensary Committee that the Person who has obtained such Ticket is of sufficient Ability to pay the Cost of such Medical Relief or some Portion of such Cost, such Person shall be liable to repay such Cost, or such Proportion thereof as such Dispensary Committee shall determine, and such Sum shall be recoverable from such Person by the Board of Guardians of the Union by the same Ways and Means as the Cost of Relief given by Way of Loan is recoverable under the Acts in force for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland, and the Board of Guardians shall recover the same; and all such Sums or any Part thereof which shall be so recovered shall be lodged with the Treasurer of the Union within which such Dispensary District is situate, and be placed to the Credit of the Electoral Divisions comprised in such Dispensary District: Provided always, that the said Dispensary Committee may determine that such Portion of any Sum so recovered shall be paid to the Medical Officer of the District

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Tickets for
Medical
Relief under
14 & 15 Vict.
c. 68, in
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Relief under
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as to such Committee shall seem just, and the Guardians of the Union shall direct such Sum to be paid accordingly, and debited to the Electoral Divisions comprising the Dispensary District.

Provision for
Dispensary
Arrangement on Dis-
solution of
the Board of
Guardians.
10 Viet. c.31.
s. 18.

XIV. And whereas by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Thirty-one, the said Commissioners 5 are empowered in case regular Meetings of the Board of Guardians shall not be holden, or in case through the Default of the Guardians the Duties of the Board of Guardians shall not be effectually discharged, to dissolve the said Board of Guardians, and to appoint such and so many paid Officers as they may think fit to carry into execution the 10 Provisions of the Acts for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland: And whereas by the said recited Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, Provision is made for the Appointment of Committees of Management for the several Dispensary Districts in each Union, such Committees to consist of a sufficient Number of 15 Ratepayers, to be elected by the Board of Guardians, who are resident in each District, and liable to pay Poor Rates in respect of Property therein of the net annual Value of Thirty Pounds at the least, together with the ex-officio and elected Guardians of the Poor resident or being the Owners or Occupiers of Property therein: Be it 20 enacted, That in the event of any Board of Guardians being dissolved, and paid Officers appointed to carry into effect the Provisions of the Acts for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland in such Union, such paid Officers shall have all the Powers which the Board of Guardians had or could have exercised under the Provisions of 25 the said recited Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, and every Committee of Management of a Dispensary District in such Union at the Time of such Dissolution of the Board of Guardians shall continue to act as such, until a Board of Guardians shall be again elected, and at the First Meeting of the Guardians 30 after a new Board of Guardians shall have been so elected as aforesaid, or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, a new Committee of Management for each Dispensary District in the said Union shall be appointed in the Manner provided by the said Act, and in the meantime and until such new Election the ex-officio and elected 35 Members of the Board so dissolved shall continue to be Members of such Committee, notwithstanding such Dissolution of the Board of Guardians as aforesaid.

Persons
becoming
qualified as
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Members of
Dispensary

XV. And whereas by the said last-recited Act the Commissioners are required to fix by their Order the Number of Person who shall be 40 Members of the Committee of Management of a Dispensary District, and the Guardians of the Union containing such District are required to

to elect annually, if necessary, a sufficient Number of Ratepayers resident in the District, and liable to pay Poor Rates in respect of Property therein of the net annual Value of Thirty Pounds at the least, who, together with certain ex-officio and elected Guardians of the Poor, are to be the Committee for the Management of such Dispensary District: And whereas Doubts have been entertained as to the Right of Persons to act as Members of such Committee who have become qualified to act as ex-officio Members thereof subsequently to the Election by the Board of Guardians of a sufficient Number of Ratepayers to make the Number of the Members of the Committee amount to the Number named in the Order of the Commissioners: Be it enacted, That every Person who shall become qualified to be an ex-officio Member of the Committee of Management of any Dispensary District subsequently to the Completion of the Number of Members of such Committee, as required by the said Act, shall be a Member of the said Committee, and shall be entitled to act as such until after the next annual Appointment of the Committee, notwithstanding that by his so acting the Number of Members of the said Committee may be greater than the Number named in the Order of the said Commissioners.

XVI. And whereas it is expedient to amend the Provision of the said recited Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, which requires that the Ratepayers who may be elected Members of Dispensary Committees shall be liable to pay Poor Rates in respect of Property therein of the net annual Value of Thirty Pounds at the least: Be it enacted, That every Ratepayer resident in any Dispensary District, and liable to pay Poor Rates in respect of Property in the Electoral Division in which he so resides, of a net annual Value equal to the Amount fixed for the Qualification for the Office of Guardian for such Electoral Division, shall be eligible to be elected a Member of the Committee for the Management of such District.

XVII. No paid Officer engaged in the Administration of the Laws for the Relief of the Poor, or under the Act for the better Distribution, Support, and Management of Medical Charities in Ireland, nor any Person who, having been such paid Officer, shall have been dismissed within Five Years previously from such Office by the said Commissioners, shall be capable of serving as a Guardian, and no Person receiving any fixed Salary or Emolument from the Poor Rates in any Union shall be capable of serving as a Guardian in such Union.

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Salary of
Dispensary
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sioners.

XVIII. When the Salary of the Medical Officer of a Dispensary District shall have been determined by the Guardians and approved by the Commissioners, or shall have been fixed by an Order under the Seal of the Commissioners, or when an Appointment of a Medical Officer of a Dispensary District at a certain Amount of 5
Salary shall have taken place, no Alteration of the Amount of such Salary shall take effect until *One Year* after such Alteration shall have received the Approval of the Commissioners or shall have been made by them.

As to Ap-
pointment
of Medical
Officer on
Alteration of
Dispensary
District.

XIX. If at any Time through the Alteration of the Dispensary 10
Districts of a Union it shall become necessary to make a new Appointment of Medical Officer for any Dispensary District, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, if they shall think fit, to nominate for Appointment to such Office by the Committee of Management of such District any Person who shall at the Time of such Alteration be 15
acting as Medical Officer of Part of such District, or, if there shall be more Persons so situated, to nominate all or any of such Persons as the Commissioners shall think fit as Candidates for the said Office; and in the latter Case the Committee of Management shall select and appoint a Medical Officer from the Candidates so nominated. 20

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and Instruc-
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mates of
Workhouses.

XX. And whereas it is expedient that an Asylum, and, if necessary, more than One Asylum, should be provided for the Maintenance and Instruction of the blind Inmates of Workhouses in Ireland: Be it enacted, That from and after the *passing of this Act* it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the 25
Poor in Ireland to establish an Asylum or Asylums for the Maintenance and Instruction of such blind Inmates of Workhouses, under the Age of Twenty-two Years, as the Boards of Guardians of the Unions in Ireland shall be willing to send from the Workhouses of the said Unions to any such Asylum, to be maintained and instructed 30
there at the Expense of such Unions respectively, or some Electoral Division thereof, as the Case may be; and the Board of Guardians of each such Union is hereby empowered, with the Consent of the said Commissioners, to send any such blind Inmate to such Asylum, provided there shall be Room therein for the Reception of such 35
Inmate.

Board of
Management
of
Asylum.

XXI. The Board of Management of every such Asylum shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Deputy Vice Chair-
man of the Union in which such Asylum shall be situated, together with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Deputy Vice Chairman of 40
each of the Unions immediately adjoining it, and five other Persons who shall be named by the said Commissioners, with their own
previous

previous Consent, in the Order establishing such Asylum; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, on the Occasion of any Vacancy by Death, Resignation, Disqualification, or other Incapacity occurring in the Number of Persons so named, to appoint another Person to fill such Vacancy.

XXII. The said Board of Management shall meet, Three Members thereof being present to form a Board, and shall exercise their Functions and perform their Duties in accordance with Rules and Regulations issued by the said Commissioners for their Guidance and Control; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to authorize and direct the said Board of Management to appoint Officers for the Superintendence of each such Asylum of such Description and with such Qualifications as to the said Commissioners shall seem fit, and to prescribe the Duties to be performed by the said Officers respectively; and every such Officer shall be subject in all respects to the Control of the said Commissioners and the said Board of Management in the same Manner as other Officers appointed under the Acts in force for the Relief of the Poor are subject to the Control of the said Commissioners and the Guardians of the Union whereof they are Officers, and shall be liable to Removal in the same Manner.

Board of Management to act in accordance with Rules issued by Commissioners. Three Members to be a Quorum.

XXIII. And whereas Premises are likely to be granted Rent-free, and Funds are likely to be placed at the Disposal of the said Commissioners for fitting up such Premises for the Purposes aforesaid: Be it enacted, That all such Expenses incurred in the fitting up and Establishment of every such Asylum as shall not be provided for by the Funds which may be placed at the Disposal of the said Commissioners for such Purposes, and the Expense of Maintenance and Instruction of the Inmates, and all other Expenses of the said Asylum, shall be payable from the Poor Rates of the Unions from which Inmates may be sent to such Asylum in manner following; that is to say, according to the aggregate Number of Days in each Half Year during which the Inmates belonging to each Union shall be lodged and maintained in such Asylum, and the Contribution in respect of each such Inmate, together with all Expenses of Conveyance, shall be chargeable on the Union or Electoral Division, as the Case may be, to which such Inmate shall be chargeable according to the Laws in force for the Relief of the destitute Poor in Ireland: Provided, that the Discharge of any Inmate from such Asylum shall take place by way of Reconveyance of such Inmate to the Workhouse of the Union to which such Inmate shall belong at the Expense of such Union, or some Electoral Division thereof, as the Case may be.

Expenses incurred in fitting up Asylums how to be paid.

Board of Management may send to Union Workhouse, with Consent of Guardians, Inmates of Asylum requiring Treatment in Hospital.

XXIV. It shall be lawful for the Board of Management of every such Asylum to send to the Workhouse of the Union in which such Asylum shall be situate, with the Consent of the Guardians of such Union, any Inmate of such Asylum who may require Treatment in Hospital, to be maintained in the Infirmary or Fever Hospital of such Workhouse, according to the Nature of the Illness of such Inmate, at the Expense of the Union or Electoral Division to which such Inmate shall belong, on such Terms as may be agreed upon between the Board of Management and the Guardians, or on such Terms as may be fixed by the Commissioners in the event of any Disagreement thereon between the Board of Management and the Guardians.

Certain Provisions of Acts for Relief of destitute Poor in Ireland to extend to Asylums established under this Act.

XXV. All Enactments contained in the Acts for the Relief of the destitute Poor in Ireland, or any of them, which relate to the Management of Workhouses, the Registration of the Inmates, the Provision to be made for Religious Service and the Appointment of Chaplains, the Contracts for Supplies, the Accounts of Expenditure, the auditing of such Accounts, and all the Powers given to the said Commissioners by the said Acts, or any of them, for the Guidance and Control of Guardians and their Officers, and all the Powers of Inquiry thereby given to such Commissioners and their Inspectors, and all other Provisions contained therein relating to the Workhouses of Unions and the Boards of Guardians and Officers thereof, shall extend and apply to every Asylum established under this Act, and to the Board of Management and Officers thereof, so far as the same may be applicable thereto, in the same Manner as if such Asylum were the Workhouse of a Union formed under the Provisions of the said Acts or any of them, and as if the Board of Management were the Board of Guardians of such Union.